

## CHARTER

1. Official Designation: The Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel.

2. Objective and Scope of Activity: The Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel (CEP) provides an avenue for independent civilian advice from a group of distinguished Americans to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) on a broad array of issues related to national seapower. Members are drawn from a cross-section of communities including scientific, engineering, business, and political-military. In pursuing its objective, the CEP may operate in subpanels or groups composed of selected Panel members to conduct examinations of specific matters related to national seapower. Activities include:

a. Addressing subjects approved by the CNO that are related to the role of naval power in the international strategic environment, including issues of technology, strategy, and policy;

b. Reviewing current and projected Navy policies and procedures in order to provide advice on enhancing the Navy's effectiveness and efficiency in execution of national and defense policy; and

c. Recommending to the CNO various alternative policies and postures for fulfilling the Navy's mission in the face of evolving political, economic, technological, and military circumstances.

3. Time Necessary for the Committee to Fulfill its Purpose: Continuing.

4. Sponsor of the Advisory Committee: Secretary of the Navy (Chief of Naval Operations).

5. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support for the Advisory Committee: Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

6. Description of Duties for which the Advisory Committee is Responsible:

a. The functions of the CEP are solely advisory in nature; it is not empowered to make policy or management decisions.

b. The CNO determines the subject matters to be reviewed by the CEP and its subpanels. Observations and recommendations are provided through the Chairperson (or designated member) of the CEP to the CNO directly in executive session, or through written reports through the Chairperson (or designated member) of the CEP to the CNO.

c. Occasionally, the CNO directs the Chairperson (or designated members) to assign specific, time-sensitive, subjects to be examined by ad-hoc groups of committee members.

d. The CEP is neither established nor intended to advise on individual procurements. No matter shall be assigned to the CEP for its consideration that would place any member of the CEP in a position of acting as a procurement official (as defined in Section 27p of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, as amended).

7. Estimated Annual Operating Cost in Dollars and Work-Years:  
Operating Costs: \$657,660; Work-Years: 6.0

8. Estimated Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings: The CEP meets approximately twice per year in Plenary Sessions at the convenience of the CNO. In addition, various working groups or subpanels meet periodically throughout the year. Individual meetings total approximately 30 per year. Meetings normally do not exceed two days duration.

9. The Advisory Committee Termination Date: Continuing.

10. Rechartered: February 28, 2002